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RAILROADS WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO OWNERS JAN. 1

WALL ST. INVOLVED IN SUPREME COURT "LEAK" HINES ASKS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT

INFORMATION WAS USED IN SPECULATION

Secpe Broadens as Inquiry Brings New Angles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Gen. A. Mitchell Palmer today took charge of the investigation into the "leak" of Supreme Court decisions to persons who sold them for Wall St. speculation.

Government agents, tracing the movements of those who are known to have been in possession of the Court's decision papers in advance of their being handed down, are collecting data on the stocks that were dealt in, the amount involved, and the manner in which the speculators used their information.

The lawyer made frequent trips to New York to establish a long line of credit in Wall st. When the decision was announced he was confident that he would be able to play it to the extent of a million dollars in the street.

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Swap Wine for Water With Meals

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. PARIS, Dec. 18.—Doctors attending Premier Clemenceau who is suffering from a fractured rib have ordered him to take several days of complete rest immediately after the German treaty becomes effective.

MRS. TABOR PASSES THROUGH HAMMOND TO FACE ACCUSERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Sarah I. Tabor, eighty-year-old mother of Maud Tabor whose body was found concealed in a trunk in the family home in Lawton, Mich., passed through Chicago early today enroute to Lawton, Mich., where she will face charges in connection with the death of her daughter.

Accompanying Mrs. Tabor in the bus today are H. H. Adams, special prosecutor from Michigan and other officers was Walter Tabor, her son, and brother of the slain girl.

Apparently unwearied by the seven day train journey from Yreka, Cal., where she was arrested, the aged woman appeared to be in the best of spirits.

Both Mrs. Tabor and her son refused to talk here and, according to Prosecutor Adams, have declined to discuss the case during the trans-continental journey.

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DEMOCRATS WILL GATHER JANUARY 8

First Broadside to Be Delivered at Meeting of National Committee in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—What promises to be the bitterest political fight in the history of the country will date from January 8 for on that day the biggest rally the democratic party ever held will take place here and some 15 representative speakers will deliver a broadside, as a sign to the republicans that they accept battle.

At 10 o'clock in the morning of that day the democratic national committee will meet at the Shoreham hotel to decide on the time and place of the democratic meeting. On the evening of the same day, at the New Willard, will come the great "Jackson Day" rally at a dinner of eight hundred plates, which, in itself contributes a record for such an occasion.

Women will participate in both the morning session and the evening rally at which there will be at least two women speakers and possibly more.

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HOW GRAVES OF U. S. SOLDIERS IN FRANCE LOOK TODAY



This unusual photograph, taken at the American cemetery at Chauvencourt, France, shows how the graves of our hero dead in France were decorated Christmas day last year. Patriotic and civic organizations in the French republic worked together this year to see that the grave of every U. S. soldier bore a wreath today. While many homes in America will be saddened today by the absence of these war heroes there will be some solace in the thought that the boys are not forgotten over there.

FEDERAL AGENTS GRAB MAKERS OF WINE IN WHITING

Spend Whole Day Raiding Soft Drink Parlors Of City.

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FURNISHES FIRST CASE UNDER NEW AUTO THEFT ACT

Hammond Police Turn Automobile Thieves Over to Federal Agents.

The first case in the Calumet District to come under the new National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, provided that "whoever shall transport or cause to be transported in interstate or foreign commerce a motor vehicle, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both."

The new act went into effect on October 23 of this year and provides that "whoever shall transport or cause to be transported in interstate or foreign commerce a motor vehicle, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both."

The case is the first to come before the attention of Commissioner Surprise and is believed to be the first prosecution under the law in this state. The theft of the automobile in question in this case occurred on October 29 and was then transported to Cleveland and sold during the first few days of November. The car was the property of William May of Hammond.

After an attempted sale to a garage man had failed the two are alleged to have enticed his services and with him as reference a sale to another man was accomplished. Their arrest came when they attempted the sale of some stolen tires in Hammond last week.

Rodea has been located in business in Hammond, his home being in Black Oak and Jackson came from Wilkinson, Indiana, about two years ago to enter the employ of the railroad company at Ohsion. Jackson asserts that the railroad company drove him to steal by throwing him out of work after he had been injured in an accident while working on June 22. He asserts that he settled his claim against the company for \$185 and then was compelled to go to the hospital for a month after which the company refused to employ him and he was unable to work at any other occupation.

The case is of especial interest to automobile owners of the district who will watch to see how the new law will work in the elimination of automobile thefts.

Expert addresses Biscuit Salemen

At the regular monthly meeting of salemen of the Hammond branch of the National Biscuit Co. 256 Truman st. yesterday, Mr. Sullivan, western advertising representative of the company, attended as the guest of J. W. Watson, branch sales manager. He was present to explain the company's attitude on local advertising which is being tried out in different parts of the country.

Times news service is the best that money can buy and honest effort can furnish.

STANDARD OIL CO. EMPLOYEES ELECT REPRESENTATIVES

WHITING, Ind., Dec. 18.—The following employees' representatives were elected for the Industrial Relations Department of the Standard Oil Company on Tuesday, Dec. 16, to serve for the ensuing year:

First Division: K. M. Sinclair. Second Division: Jesse Abraham, John Charley and Thomas Hayes. Third Division: William Fuller and Frank Barr. Fourth Division: Peter A. Kosciak, John Bodick and Paul Barber. Fifth Division: Nick Schell and A. H. Raskow. Sixth Division: Charles Dudley, Thos. McFadden, Harry Lewis and John Krevich. Seventh Division: Andrew Barnum, Eighth Division: Joe Selser and John Chlusk. Ninth Division: D. J. Gallagher. Tenth Division: Steve Dedinski and Joe Shawcroft. Eleventh Division: Frank M. Long.

The Standard Oil Co. has passed the house and the Cummins bill are widely different measures and I will take many weeks in conference to iron out the differences. Even if the Cummins bill is passed before the Christmas holidays there is slight hope that a final bill could be sent to the president before February.

HOPE TO OPEN NEW STEEL PLANT MAY 1

In hopes that they will be able to start the first unit of the plant by the first part of May, officials of the new \$3,000,000 Aetna Iron & Steel Company are making every possible effort to rush the work to completion.

The Aetna Iron & Steel corporation has taken title to the 400-acre tract upon which it will erect a \$3,000,000 sheet steel plant, steps will at once be taken by the officials to secure the extension and improvement of Fifteenth ave. eastward from Broadway to the southern boundary of the Aetna tract, two miles east of Broadway.

The former contract for the improvement of the thoroughfare from Broadway to the city limits on the east, has been cancelled by the county board, which will shortly advertise for new bids. It is also planned to carry the extension of the southern boundary of the Aetna tract to the east line of the same and thence north to the town of Miller.

FILES VERDICT ON DEATH OF SLECK

Coroner J. A. Graham today filed his verdict in the inquest over the death of Frank Sleck, 623 Walsh ave. East Chicago, who was smothered to death several months ago when he fell into a bin of moving grain at the Nawak Milling Co. plant in Hammond.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A federal grand jury here today heard evidence today against thirty-eight Chicago sugar dealers, who, it is charged, have been profiteering in sugar.

HINES ASKS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT

President's Message Will Not Reach Congress Before Christmas.

By DAVID M. CRUICK. (STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The railroad situation today is considerably tangled. Strong opposition of the Cummins bill for the return of the railroads has developed in the senate and there is no doubt as to whether that matter can be passed before the Christmas holidays.

Many of the members of the senate are awaiting word from the president before they will consent to a final vote on the Cummins bill.

The president is preparing a message on the railroad question, but there is no indication as to when it will be sent to congress, or whether it will be sent before the Christmas recess.

While the president's attitude is being very carefully guarded, there is every indication that the railroads will not go to private ownership on January 1 as has been expected.

HINES WANTS LEGISLATION. Director General Hines of the railroad administration has constantly taken the position that the roads must not be returned until there has been protective legislation passed. He has made a report with recommendations to the president on the situation and it is understood that he has advised that the president keep control of the roads until there is definite assurance of the passage of railroad legislation.

CHABE SAYS VARADY HAD STILL ON FARM

Farmer's Statement Makes Matter Still Worse for Daniel.

Steve Chabe who has a farm just north of Hammond is now in the federal dragnet, charged with making wine and is held on \$1,000 bond. The federal authorities, however, are not so much interested in Steve's wine-making activities as they are in his admission that Dan Varady of Indiana Harbor, had a still on his farm. Steve claims that while the still was on the farm he had never used it but the federal authorities claim to have information which will prove that the still was used. Varady had taken the still from the farm before Chabe was arrested.

Varady, who was implicated by the confession of the Kish family in making whiskey, is now under \$2,000 bond. Confessions of members of the Kish family led the federal authorities to believe that Varady was operating several stills and efforts are being made to obtain additional evidence to prove their claims.

CAR WITH WORLD'S RECORD IS COMING

Automobile owners will find much of interest in a roadstead Essex touring car which is slated to reach Hammond this evening at 5 o'clock. The machine which is said to have set the world's record for endurance, will be on display at the South Shore Auto Salesroom, Hohman and Russell st., until 8 o'clock. It is on its way to Chicago from Indianapolis, where it has just finished a continuous fifty-hour grind at the speedway in which it averaged 60.7 miles per hour. The highest speed was seventy-four miles per hour and in the fifty hours it traveled a total of 3,028 miles. It is said to be an ordinary four-cylinder stock machine.

TRAIN HITS TRUCK; BREAKS DRIVER'S LEG

Frank Argentine, 352 Plummer ave., Hammond, had his leg broken and a big truck belonging to the John F. Wilhelm Co., was badly damaged on Wednesday afternoon when a north-bound Erie freight train caught the truck at the Calumet avenue crossing in Hammond. Argentine was driving north on Calumet avenue, with a load of cement blocks and failed to see the approaching train. He drove in front of it.

Argentine was taken to St. Mark's hospital in the police ambulance where he received surgical attention.